

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DROUGHT PRONE AREA PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated under DPAP during 2003-2004, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the projects received by the Union Government from State Governments during the said period;
- (c) the achievements made thereunder during the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) whether the outcome of the programme is satisfactory;
- (e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to get better results; and
- (f) the details of amount as aid released to drought prone States in years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.225 due for reply on 5.8.2003

The Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) is implemented in 972 identified drought prone blocks in sixteen States of the country. It is a demand driven programme and hence specific allocation of funds to States is not made. A watershed project under the Programme is to be completed over a period of five years. The central share, i.e., three fourth of the project cost is released in instalments to District Rural Development Agencies(DRDAs)/Zilla Parishads (ZPs). The first instalment is released along with the sanction of new projects and the subsequent instalments are released only on the basis of specific proposals received from the DRDA/AP concerned along with Utilization Certificates, Audited Statement of Accounts, Quarterly Progress Reports, etc. While releasing the funds, it is ensured by the Ministry that the State Government concerned has released its share of funds and the DRDA/ZP concerned has utilized more than 50% of the last instalment of funds released to it.

The Ministry of Rural Development sanctions new projects keeping in view the budget allocation, funds required to meet the demand for on-going projects, programme area, status of implementation of on-going projects, etc. During the year 2003-04, 2535 new watershed projects have been sanctioned under the Programme to treat an area of 12.675 lakh hectares at a total cost of Rs.760.50 crores over a period of five years. These projects will be implemented by the Gram Panchayats in accordance with the Guidelines for Hariyali. The State-wise details are given in Annexure I

Since the adoption of watershed approach from 1995-96 till 2002-2003, 16268 watershed projects have been sanctioned to treat an area of about 81.34 lakh hectares. The entire Central funds have been released in respect of 3750 projects. The remaining projects are at various stages of implementation. During the last three years, i.e.2000-01 to 2002-03, 7901 watershed projects were sanctioned under DPAP to treat an area of about 39.505 lakh hectares at a total cost of Rs.2370.30 crores. The State-wise details are given in Annexure II.

In order to assess the impact of the DPAP projects, Impact Assessment studies were carried out in some programme States. These studies reveal that due to implementation of these watershed projects, the overall productivity of land has increased, water table has gone up and there has been a significant positive impact on overall economic development of the inhabitants in the project areas. The studies also indicate that green vegetative cover, irrigation, crop yield, etc. have also improved in these areas.

The details of funds released during the year 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 (as on 31st July, 2003) under the Programme is given in Annexure III.

Annexure I referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.225 due for reply on 5.8.2003

Annexure I

Drought Prone Areas Programme

Number of new projects sanctioned during the year 2003-2004 for implementation under the Guidelines for Hariyali

State Number of Projects

Andhra Pradesh	287
Bihar	60
Chhatisgarh	116
Gujarat	250
Himachal Pradesh	40
Jammu & Kashmir	66
Jharkhand	200
Karnataka	227
Madhya Pradesh	269
Maharashtra	296
Orissa	146
Rajasthan	96
Tamil Nadu	160
Uttar Pradesh	160
Uttaranchal	90
West Bengal	72

Total 2535

Note: Each project is likely to covers an area of 500 hectares approximately.

Annexure II referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.225 due for reply on 5.8.2003

Annexure II

Drought Prone Areas Programme

Details of projects sanctioned from 2000-01 to 2002-03

State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	Total
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Andhra Pradesh	314	166	291	771
Bihar	28	46	60	134
Chhattisgarh	197	106	116	419
Gujarat	329	110	241	680
Himachal Pradesh	77	40	50	167
Jammu & Kashmir	132	44	66	242
Jharkhand	200	173	164	537
Karnataka	266	245	221	732
Madhya Pradesh	657	238	265	1160
Maharashtra	578	296	300	1174
Orissa	111	221	160	492
Rajasthan	271	96	113	480
Tamil Nadu	-	61	144	205
Uttar Pradesh	93	92	158	343
Uttaranchal	58	90	97	245
West Bengal	60	28	32	120

Total 3371 2052 2478 7901

Note: Each project is likely to covers an area of 500 hectares approximately.

Annexure III referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.225 due for reply on 8.8.2003.

Annexure II

Drought Prone Areas Programme

Sl.No.	State	Amount released	Amount released during
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during 2002-2003 2003-04 (as on 31st July 2003)

1.Andhra Pradesh 4854.99 2422.063480

2.Bihar 249.75 245.440000

3.Chattisgarh 1599.62 580.500000

4.Gujarat 3273.13 1615.200000

5.Himachal Pradesh 370.81 161.890000

6.Jammu & Kashmir 222.81 222.750000

7Jharkhand 553.50 1001.047500

8.Karnataka 2265.04 1093.191000

9.Madhya Pradesh 4721.01 2008.162750

10.Maharashtra 1294.62 1126.890000

11.Orissa 901.10 801.042500

12.Rajasthan 1430.03 812.662000

13.Tamil Nadu 1059.53 1204.425000

14.Uttar Pradesh 1717.85 967.300000

15.Uttaranchal 376.37 303.750000

16.West Bengal 108.00 243.000000

Others 1.00 -

Total 25000.00 14809.314230